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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 3.
2. Herewith your letter to Secretary Herter with a covering memorandum from Mr. Kretzmann to you, expressing the views of Andy Berding. Both Berding and Kretzmann want you to know that they appreciate your offer not to furnish this letter to the Secretary if they had any objections. Kretzmann had none. Berding did. Kretzmann talked to me last night and said they would be very reasonable and he believes they can work this thing out with I told that you want him also to be reasonable in his discussions tomorrow afternoon.

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3. RECOMMENDATION: That the attached communications be filed, pending final action on this subject.

STANLEY J. GROGAN
Assistant to the Director

cc: DDCI w/o attach.

State Department review completed

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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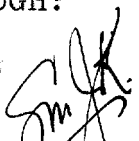
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December 1, 1960

TO: Allen W. Dulles, Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

THROUGH: Col. Grogan

FROM:  Edwin M. J. Kretzmann
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Department of State

Mr. Berding and I have discussed at some length your letter to the Secretary regarding publication of certain documents in the foreign relations series. If the documents proposed for inclusion do indeed reveal the material described in the third and fourth paragraphs of your letter, we are in complete accord with your view that they should not be published.

We have ordered an immediate review by the people of the Historical Office of these documents with a view toward elimination of those which do not in their judgment contribute directly to the history of the development of our foreign policy. We have suggested that a great deal of the material which led up to certain decisions could be appropriately summarized in footnotes without getting into the more sensitive aspects which bother all of us. We would like to take advantage of the suggestion in the final paragraph of your letter for further discussion of these matters with representatives of your Agency and I have accordingly arranged for the first meeting on Friday of this week.

In light of the above considerations and developments I would request that you withdraw the attached letter for the present until we see whether we cannot work out a mutually agreeable solution of our common problem. For

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your information only, Mr. Berding and I have read the letter in detail although Dr. Noble of our Historical Office has been apprised of its contents in general terms. Both copies of your letter are returned herewith.

Attachment:

Original and one carbon of letter
from Allen W. Dulles to Christian
A. Herter, dated. Nov. 26, 1960

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

25 NOV 1960

The Honorable Christian A. Herter
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Secretary:

Certain rather basic policy considerations have arisen, in connection with the publication of forthcoming volumes in the Department's Foreign Relations series, which I feel I should lay before you.

As you doubtless know, the Department's historians are now editing for publication the documents for the year 1942, and--like the conscientious scholars they are--they quite naturally wish to publish the most nearly complete version possible of the diplomacy of that year. Unfortunately, however, this wish to tell the fullest possible story seems liable, as matters now stand, to lead to disclosures which I fear could be an embarrassment to the United States Government.

For among the documents the historians would like to publish are a good many which reveal methods of clandestine operations employed by the Office of the Coordinator of Information and the Office of Strategic Services which I cannot help feel should not be revealed on the authority of the Department itself from its own official records. The documents also disclose the identities of some of the persons who employed these methods, and some of these disclosures, too, could cause undesirable consequences.

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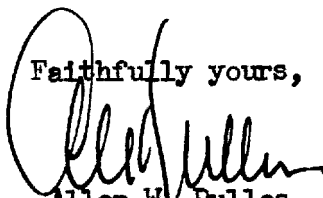
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It is true that partial accounts of some of these activities have already been published, some of them by participants. Publication of much fuller, more sensational and more compromising accounts by the Department itself in its own Foreign Relations series would obviously be a quite different matter, and we would prefer that they not be so published.

It might serve a useful purpose, however, for representatives of the Department and the Agency to discuss the documents in detail, with a view to ascertaining whether accommodations of their differing points of view may be possible, at least in some cases. I have designated [REDACTED] to act in this capacity for the Agency. He will get in touch with anyone you may wish to name for this purpose.

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Faithfully yours,


Allen W. Dulles
Director

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